




the Court to seek the assistance of a private attorney for a plaintiff who is unable to afford counsel. Miller v. Simmons, 814 F.2d 962, 966 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1987). Petitioner has failed to demonstrate the existence of exceptional circumstances that would warrant the appointment of counsel at this juncture and this Motion will be denied.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that:

1. Defendants' Motion to Substitute Party, (Doc. No. 44), is **GRANTED**. The Clerk is instructed to correct the docket to indicate that Frank L. Perry and Director of Prisons Kenneth Lassiter have been substituted with Erik Hooks and Todd Ishee.
2. Plaintiff's Motion for Extension of Time, (Doc. No. 51), within to respond to Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment is **GRANTED** until June 26, 2020.
3. Plaintiff's "Motion for Advise [sic]," (Doc. No. 55), is construed as a Motion for the Appointment of Counsel and is **DENIED**.

Signed: May 29, 2020

  
Frank D. Whitney  
Chief United States District Judge

